

Subject: RE: 1330 W. Pico - General Plan Amendment Initiation Request
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Hi Gerald,

Since Joel is on vacation right now I think the main concern we have with both approaches is the timing. We have a filing appointment scheduled for June 5. Can the Council Motion process can be completed by then with certainty. If we cannot find out what exactly the Planning Department wants until May 24, it also leaves us little time to respond before our filing date. If Planning were willing to commit to approving the GPA initiation on May 24, that would work but it's not clear how long it will take to get them comfortable with our request, especially if they want to consider Add areas.

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I would prefer to give an audience to city planning staff and hear their initial take and hold-off on any Council-initiated Motion - we are scheduled to meet on 5/24/18. I'm curious what city planning staff have to say - Either the Director of Planning may initiate or the Council may initiate. A Council Motion will still be a fall back option if needed.

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On Mon, May 14, 2018 at 2:21 PM, Lali DeAztlan <Lali@deaztlangroup.com> wrote:

Gerald,

Given that we don't know what the planning department wishes to talk about, can we initiate the Council ordinance as a contingency back-up? That is, start the process this week have the Councilmember introduce the motion, have Council refer it to plum, we will then work with you and CD14 and CD8 to get it waved. The timing would then be identical... and we can then find out what planning wishes to talk about on the 24th? Your thoughts?

Can we get the draft motion reviewed by City Attorney to get process going?

Thank you!

Lali

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From: Gerald Gubatan <gerald.gubatan@lacity.org>

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Hi Lali -

A Council Motion "initiating" the General Plan Amendment, as opposed to the Director of Planning initiating it, would typically be introduced in City Council and referred to the PLUM Committee. After the Committee acts, its recommendations would usually come back to the full Council, as a "PLUM Committee Report (with recommendations)" to formally endorse the Motion moving clause.

A Motion can "circumvent" being referred to a Council Committee if the Council President concurs and the maker of the Motion has a compelling reason; we usually would want to check with the Committee Chairman as well.

I believe I mentioned Department of City Planning (DCP) Staff reached out to our office on various matters, including the topic of the General Plan Amendment initiation for [1330 W. Pico Blvd](#). We are scheduled to meet on May 24th to discuss further. I do not know what the City Planning Staff wishes to discuss - possibly simply checking in with our office on the matter. City Planning Staff do not like to "spot zone" and for a General Plan Amendment, it has the ability to "add on" geographic areas. Initiating this GPA could be the stimulus for asking DCP to review a larger area; my thought is that the area west of the Harbor Freeway currently in the "CM" or "Commercial Manufacturing" Zone could be a good candidate to add on for purposes of evaluating a

broader geographic area from a city planning perspective. DCP may be hesitant to initiate for only a distinct parcel or might bring up the fact that the site is on the border or boundary of two separate Community Plans.... Again don't know what they want to talk about...We'll find out

Gerald

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On Mon, May 14, 2018 at 12:25 PM, Lali DeAztlan <Lali@deaztlangroup.com> wrote:

Hi Gerald, additional questions from the one below, if the councilmember initiates the motion to full council, does it still need to go to PLUM committee? What are steps for this process?

Thanks!

Lali

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From: Lali DeAztlan
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Gerald, as you know, we're planning on filing our entitlements within the next couple of weeks and in order to do so, we need the City's approval for the GPA. A meeting on the 24th, then action thereafter, is much too close to the linkage fee deadline. Anyway you can push for a conversation on this matter specifically for early next week?

Thanks,

Lali

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Thanks for the update - The City Planning Staff have requested a meeting with our office on a variety of items, and they included the General Plan Amendment initiation for [1330 W. Pico Blvd.](#) as part of the Agenda of items for discussion. I do not know what will be the nature of their comments. We are scheduled to meet on May 24th (Thursday) on this and other matters. We will give them an audience to hear out their comments and concerns which will probably inform our next strategic steps. Perhaps we can tag-base after our meeting with DCP.

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On Thu, May 10, 2018 at 10:34 AM, Lali DeAztlan <Lali@deaztlangroup.com> wrote:

Good Morning, Gerald,

DCP is not taking action yet on our request to initiate GPA. It was brought up to the committee but they said they wanted "more time to have additional conversations". Given that we are on a tight timeline, Joel believes we cannot afford to wait any longer. Can you call me so we can discuss when the Councilman can introduce the attached (draft) motion? It is the same one emailed to you by Joel a couple weeks ago.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,
Lali



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